

FROM ALBANY.

Rejoicings—Meeting on a Steamer—Speech of Mr. Greeley—Selection of Superintendent Rice—The Free Academy—Life Insurance—Insure Farmers—Gas Company—A New Railroad.

From Our Special Correspondent.

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THE FALL OF RICHMOND.

The news of the fall of the Rebel Capital has produced here, as elsewhere, a universal exultation, unanswerable to the truncation of sober business. We do day by day Senate and Assembly, explored even after the organization; to-day they have sat and gone through considerable routine business, but the glad tidings from the front continue to absorb the thoughts of almost every one.

MEETING ON THE ST. JOHN.

The splendid steamer Mr. John brought up last night over 1,000 passengers, including many prominent politicians. Early in the evening Mr. Horace Greeley and other well-known gentlemen being recognized among the passengers, an impromptu meeting was organized in the main saloon, and Mr. Greeley being urged to address the throng, took the stand, and spoke for half an hour in his best style and to universal applause. Mr. Greeley first spoke of the President's desire as manifested in the war and its various incidents, of the necessity for adverse fortune in its early periods in order that the great moral and social reformation which it was destined to effect should be thorough. He then concluded the question of the treatment to be meted out to the vanquished, and maintained that the masses in rebellion had been deceived and misled by their chiefs; that the instinct of patriotism and love of the national flag was not obliterated from their hearts, and that it would be sure to revive if they were dealt with in a mild, generous and forgiving spirit. This policy he urged in the strongest terms, and his remarks closed every sign of approval from his audience.

Mr. Waldo Hutchings and Mr. William H. Burleigh followed in eloquent addresses, and the crowd did not disperse until a late hour.

As the band passed along on her course signs of rejoicing were everywhere observed. Boats were sent from the banks of the river, and many of the towns along the shores were brilliantly illuminated. West Point especially was a blaze of light, and the public buildings being illuminated, and huge bonfires blazed from the eminences.

An amendment was adopted limiting capital to \$2,000,000.

Mr. Cozzens moved to limit the number of piers that may be erected by the company.

Mr. Cozzens moved to make it six. Messrs. Low and Aldrich opposed these motion, and spoke at length in favor of the bill, and in opposition to the proposal.

Mr. Newell was in favor of six, and that there was but one in good order, contrasting to the disgrace of our country with the docks of London, Liverpool, and many other foreign ports. The bill proposed by the bill to build iron warehouses upon the edge of the water, and to construct the piers upon iron columns would secure to the port of New York commercial facilities equal to any in the world, ample protection and merchandise, as well as the element of safety.

Mr. Seward was willing that the experiment should be tried, and he thought the number of piers to be about six.

Mr. Cozzens moved to limit the number of piers to six.

Mr. Aldrich moved to limit the number of piers to six, and the bill was then referred to a Committee of three.

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